Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 26, 2004

Faith Sharing Readings and Questions

Isaiah 60: 1-6 Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2: 1-12

Theme: The mystery of the incarnation - Jesus is a gift to all humanity.

Question for Adults: Next Sunday in the Church we celebrate the Epiphany, the manifestation of God. Look this next week at how you manifested God's love at home and at work?

Question for Children: A star led the wise men to where Jesus was. Look this next week to see who had helped you to see Jesus in another person, a classmate or a friend?

Mon., Dec 27, 2004
Feast of Saint John
1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a and 2-8
***8:00 a.m. Mass**
Office Hours – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. – Lay Ministry Class

Tues., Dec 28, 2004
Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs
1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Mt 2:13-18
***No Mass**
Office Hours – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. – Stewardship Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts Meet
7:30 pm – Venture Crew

Wed., Dec. 29, 2004
1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35
5:45 pm – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Healing of the Sexually Abused
Office Hours – 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Food Pantry – 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.
No Y.F. Class

Thur. Dec 30, 2004
1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40
8:00 am – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention:
Office Hours – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
6:00 pm – 9:00 p.m. - OLBH 2nd Annual Volunteers Party

Fri., Dec 31, 2004
1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18
Office Closed
No Mass

***Please note that the daily mass times have changed compared to the December Calendar**

Sat., Jan 01, 2005
Reading
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
9:00 a.m. New Years Mass
5:00 p.m. Mass

Ministry Schedule:
***Bread Baker**: Mary Blauvelt; all three masses*
***Altar Servers**: Meagan & Gina Czmowski, Alex Vargo & Jessica Schacher*
***Euch. Min.**: Body: Brenda Czmowski*
***Blood**: Charlie & Eileen Desmond, Wayne & Pat Roe*
***Lector**: Sue Colgan & Steve Colgan*
***Sacristan**: Joe & Linda Schacher*
***Usher**: Bernard & Loretta Wiehl*
***Choir**: Family Choir*

Sun., Jan 02, 2005
The Epiphany of the Lord
Readings:
Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Eucharist with Baptism
Ministry Schedule:
***Altar Servers**: Alyssa Hoffman, Tanner, Brianna & Cheyenne Quinn*
***Euch: Min.: Body**: Mary Johnson*
***Blood**: Bruce Johnson, Betsy Van Asma, Marty Quinn & Larry Williamson*
***Lector**: Larry & Joyce Williamson*
***Sacristan**: Bruce & Mary Johnson*
***Ushers**: Tom Van Asma & Anita Tidemann*
***Music**: Regina's Minstrels*

9:00 a.m. - Coffee and Donuts

9:30 – 10:45 a.m. – NO YF Class

11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Eucharist
Ministry Schedule:
***Altar Servers**: Elizabeth Carriero, Whitney Werdel, Kristina & Lexie Hammerquist*
***Euch: Min.: Body**: Kathy Van Asma*
***Blood**: Ken Van Asma, Lorinda Collings, Pat Schubauer & Sharon Long*
***Lector**: Cathleen Denekamp & Tom Collings*
***Sacristan**: Ken & Kathy Van Asma*
***Ushers**: John Carriero & Dorothy Tinnell*
***Music**: Folk Group*

Congratulations to Anita and Chad on the baptism of Kane Michael

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The priests, brothers, and sisters of the new century are in the care of your family today. Tend to them well; encourage their gifts; pray for their happy response to God's call. (Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18)

SPARKS FROM MARK:

On behalf of our parish staff at OLBH we would like to wish all of our families and visitors a joy filled Christmas season as you welcome the fullness of Emmanuel, God with us, into your lives. Christmas season is a time that we are called to open our hearts and doors, to the many guests that might visit our homes this Christmas season, and yet, at times it seems that Christmas can be a time of anxiety, and stress. As I thought about that, I thought about the work that Thomas Keating does with the notion of his active prayer in which he uses a phrase over and over like a mantra throughout the day. Keating says, "The saying of the syllables is synchronized with ones heartbeat" as they unceasingly pray throughout the day. I encourage you throughout the Christmas season to try this method of active prayer, may it become a true gift of the presence of Christ in your life. Here are some examples of phrases that can be used in active prayer;

- O Lord, come to my assistance
- O God, make haste to help me
- Holy Mary, Mother of God
- Abide in my love
- My God and My All
- My Jesus, mercy
- *Veni Sancte Spiritus*
- I belong to you, O Lord
- Soul of Christ, sanctify me
- Take, Lord, and receive all I have
- Bless the Lord, my soul
- Open my heart to your love
- Lord, I give myself to you
- My Lord and my God
- Body of Christ, save me
- Lord increase my faith
- Not my will but thine by done
- Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
- Open my heart to your love
- May my being praise you, Lord
- Through Him , with Him, in Him
- Jesus, my light and my love.
- Our help is in the name of the Lord
- Holy Spirit, pray in me
- Lord, do with me what You will
- Speak Lord, Your servant is listening

Prayer Corner: *Please remember in your daily prayers:*

Carol Maicki - Repose
Angela Meyer - Repose
Jenny Walz – Repose
Trish Kostel – improved health
Suzy Kostel – Repose
Justin Judy- improved health
Judi James - for healing
Matthew Bearden - improved health
Bob Roseland – peace
Terry Roseland – improved health
Fr. Dale Kutil – peace
Vickie Bergeron – improved health
Jay Aadland – improved health

STEWARDSHIP
Dec 18th & 19th, 2004
General Collections

Loose	$1,334.39
Envelopes	$2,671.00
Votive	$9.75
Student	$88.95
Adopt A Seminarian	$125.00
Generations of Faith	$100.00
Religious Retirement	$5.00
Mass Intentions	$40.00
Other	$541.36
Total	$4,980.45

Faithful Citizenship
The Family in God's Plan

"The family has a special role to play throughout the life of its member, from birth to death, It is truly "the sanctuary of life: the place in which life – the gift of God – can be properly welcomed and protected against the many attacks to which it is exposed, and can develop in accordance with what constitutes authentic human growth." Consequently the role of the family in building a culture of life is decisive and irreplaceable."

-Evangelium Vitae: On the Value and Inviolability of Human Life, Par. 92, Pope John Paul II, 1995

Youth Minister

Looking for a part-time coordinator for Youth Ministry. Must have or are willing to acquire a Certificate of Youth Ministry Studies. Please have résumé in by January 2nd. If you have any questions, please call Fr. Mark McCormick or Brenda Czmowski at 787-5168.

If any OLBH Senior Citizen needs help with transportation to and from masses or Doctors appointments or just need some company, please call Sharon Long at 787-6580

OLBH Volunteers Christmas Party

There will be a Christmas Party in appreciation for all the volunteers at OLBH. Fr. Mark and the staff invite you to a party in your honor on Thursday December 30, at 6 pm at Fr. Mark's home. You are the light of Christ's Love in the world. You make a difference in the life of our parish. Please allow us to show our appreciation!

Thank you to all the families that helped with the decorating of the church for the Christmas season and for all the donations of poinsettias!
In memory of Ed Barbour & Bryce Barbour,
In Loving Memory of MoJo,
For our family that is no longer with us, but with the Lord

The children of OLBH were given offertory envelopes and on them, they may write their time, talent and treasure. Here is what a few of them said.

Time: "I will pray 10 minutes every day", "I help with my baby sister", "I helped my grandma."

Talent: "Ballet", "Singing Christmas Carols", "Building", "Help others", "Read to others", "Be funny", "My Voice"

How fortunate are we to have children to learn from!

Diocesan News:

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Applications are being accepted for the position of Chancery Office Receptionist. Duties include:

- Full responsibility for all aspects of the receptionist function in a
- Positive and hospitable manner;
- Processing incoming and outgoing mail;
- Maintaining general office supply inventory;
- Providing departmental support as needed;

Applicants should possess excellent public relations skills with the ability to project a calm demeanor both in person and on the telephone, general secretarial, clerical and computer skills, a demonstrated high level of confidentiality, commitment and attention to detail. Competitive salary and benefits package available. Closing date for applications is January 15, 2005.

Interested individuals should request an application form from the Chancellor, PO Box 678, Rapid City, SD 57709-0678

Marriage Encounter Weekends. 2005 dates are February 11-13, April 1-3 and April 22-24th. This is a time for married couples to examine their lives together – to know each other more completely and love more deeply. You will learn effective ways to dialogue, and have opportunities to share feelings, fears, hopes and joys. For more information or registration contact John and Dawn Elsinger at 605-362-0924. Pre-registration is required. For general info, or a brochure on Worldwide Marriage Encounter please call Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

Happiness Is An Inside Job' (Level II)

This is an 8-week support group for Christian men and women looking for greater self-knowledge and balance in their lives, as well as a closer relationship with God. Level II will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday nights, January 13 – March 10, at the First Congregational Church, 1200 Clark Street, Rapid City. Registration fee: $35.00. Pre-registration is required. Minimum 12 participants needed. Registration deadline is Friday, January 3. For questions, contact Family Life Ministries at 343-354.

Looking for CURSILLIO? Cursillio is a weekend filled with Christian community, worship, priest's talks and prayer time. The next men's weekend is scheduled for January 6-9 at Broomtree Retreat Center. For more information please contact Ronda Kantack at 605-692-7978, or Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

Christian Family Planning Seminar

Fr. Peter Kovarik will host a Christian Family Planning Seminar on January 8, 2005 in Hot Springs. The seminar, a requirement for engaged couples, is also an enriching learning experience for married couples and anyone wanting to know more about NFP and the Church's teachings. For more information and to register, call Family Life Ministries at 605-343-3541

Healing Your Grief a Bereavement Support Group, sponsored by Fam8ily Life Ministries is an 8-week support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one through death. The support group is open to anyone in the diocese. It will begin on Monday, January 24, at 7:00 p.m. at OLPH Cathedral, Rapid City – please come early to register. For information/pre-registration call Janece Rieman, 605-343-5547 or Family Life Ministries at 605-343-3541.

For the Ride Home
Feast of the Holy Family
December 26, 2004

Scripture

- Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; (Sirach 3:6)
- For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, (Psalm 128:2)
- Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, (Colossians 3:16)
- Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, (Matthew 2:13)
- Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, (Matthew 2:20)

Reflection

- What is the most important aspect of your life? If it was all you had to sustain you, would it be enough to survive?
- If you were to take a spiritual journey, what (who) would you bring?
- In Matthew, are Egypt and Israel metaphors for a spiritual journey.
- Is Egypt the journey to nowhere or nothingness and Israel the journey back to God?
- Are these normal stopping points on the spiritual journey?

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. (Thomas Merton, Thoughts *in Solitude*, The Noonday Press, Farrar, Straus and Giroux; New York, 1956, p83.)